Summary Report	Fatality	09/18/2025

1. Victim: Sophia Murguia – 7-month-old female

2. Was the child residing in the child's home or in an out-of-home placement at the time of the fatality?

The child was residing in her home when the following incident occurred:

On March 15, 2022, the Department of Child Safety received a report regarding the death of 7-month-old Sophia Murguia. Sophia was found unresponsive after co-sleeping in an adult bed with her mother, Eunice Murguia-Cervantes. On September 10, 2025, the Department substantiated the allegation of neglect to Sophia by her mother, Eunice Murguia-Cervantes.

3. If the victim in the Preliminary Report involved a child residing in the child's home, the following information will be provided:

a. Services being provided to the child, a member of the child's family or the person suspected of the abuse or neglect at the time of the incident and the date of the last contact before the incident between the entity providing services and

There were no services being provided to the family by the Department of Child Safety at the time of the incident.

b. Was the child, a member of the child's family or the person suspected of the abuse or neglect the subject of a report for investigation at the time of the incident?

No.

c. All involvement of the child's parents and of the person suspected of the abuse or neglect in a situation for which a report for investigation was made or in services provided pursuant to this chapter in the five years preceding the incident:

There has been no prior DCS involvement with the child’s parents.

d. Any investigation pursuant to a report for investigation concerning the child, a member of the child's family or the person suspected of the abuse or neglect or services provided to the child or the child's family since the date of the incident involving the fatality:

The investigation of the fatality report resulted in the Department offering services to the mother, Eunice Murguia-Cervantes, who engaged in the services. A sibling who resides part-time in the home was assessed as safe in the care of their parents and the case was closed. The allegation of neglect to Sophia by her mother, Eunice Murguia-Cervantes, has been substantiated. No subsequent reports of abuse or neglect were received regarding the family.

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4. If the victim in the Preliminary Report involved a child residing in an out-of-home placement, the following information will be provided:

a. Licensing Agency:

N/A

b. Licensing history of the out-of-home placement, including the type of license held by the operator of the placement and the period for which the placement has been licensed:

N/A

c. Summary of all violations by the licensee:

N/A

d. Any other actions by the licensee or an employee of the licensee that constitute a substantial failure to protect and promote the health, safety and welfare of a child.

N/A

5. Actions taken by the Department in response to the case including any changes to policy or practice and/or recommendations for further changes in policies, practices, rules or statutes:

The Department conducted a joint investigation with the Phoenix Police Department. The DCS investigation resulted in the Department offering services to the mother, Eunice Murguia-Cervantes, who engaged in the services. A sibling who resides part time in the home was assessed as safe in the care of their parents and the case was closed. The allegation of neglect to Sophia by her mother, Eunice Murguia-Cervantes, has been substantiated. No subsequent reports of abuse or neglect were received regarding the family.

The Department reminds all caregivers to practice safe sleep. For additional information please visit the DCS website at: https://dcs.az.gov/Services/Safe-Sleep.

Additionally, in accordance with A.R.S. § 8-469, cases with prior involvement with the Department within 3 years of the critical incident are reviewed by a multidisciplinary team (MDT). The team selects cases that present opportunities for systemic learning or that demonstrate opportunities for systemic change. The Department uses the aggregate data gathered through the MDT reviews to assess and guide future changes and/or recommendations to policies, practices, rules, or statutes to improve the quality of outcomes for children and families receiving services from the department. Findings from these reviews are compiled into an annual report which is shared on the DCS website. The target date for release of the next report is December 1, 2025.

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